

**San Juan County Public Hospital District #2
Dba Lopez Island Hospital District (LIHD)**

Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting

September 23, 2020

REMOTE MEETING DUE TO COVID-19

Zoom Video/Audio

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Minutes

Commissioners Present

Christa Campbell
Iris Graville, Board President
James Orcutt
Steven Greenstein

Staff

Superintendent Anne Presson

Commissioners Absent

Albert Berger, Board Secretary

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by the Chair, President Graville. President Graville started the meeting with a land acknowledgment as the Commissioners are meeting on the traditional land of the Coast Salish. President Graville also reiterated the Board's online meeting protocols as a result of COVID-19, and noted Commissioner Berger was not available to participate.

II. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment at this time.

III. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained Minutes from the August 26, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Greenstein to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. VOTE: 4:0:0. Motion Carried.

IV. Clinic & Physical Therapy Updates

- a. **UW Medicine Lopez Island Clinic** – Mark Bresnick, UWNC Assistant Director North Region, provided an overview of clinic activity. In the months of July and August the Clinic exceeded 500 visits/month, which is the threshold in the budget. He also reported that Dr. Wilson was out due to an unexpected injury, yet he hoped to be able to provide

telehealth visits. It was unclear how long Dr. Wilson would be out and Mark indicated that the Clinic Manager would follow-up with more details as they are known.

There is a strong focus on flu shots, and the clinic is in the process of getting people scheduled. They are following the same process as the prior year, and will go live October 1st. The Clinic continues to coordinate closely with the Lopez Pharmacy, who is unable to provide shots to children. Commissioner Bordvick from Lopez Fire & EMS shared that the island-wide flu clinic is being held at the firehouse. The dates will be pushed out a week since not all vaccines have been received.

Mark also reported that the magnets with the UW phone numbers should be in the Clinic by the end of the week. There are 500 of both English and Spanish. Commissioner Campbell suggested providing a supply of magnets to the Family Resource Center and having them included in the weekly meal delivery. Superintendent Presson will help facilitate.

- b. **LIPT** – there was no report from the Physical Therapy practice.

V. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Finance Committee** – Commissioner Berger prepared an update on three key items, which Superintendent Presson presented in his absence.

Refinance of the General Obligation (GO) Bond – Superintendent Presson provided an update on the GO Bond refinance options. Following the discussion at the August Board meeting, Superintendent Presson went back to Islanders Bank to provide a last look on the interest rate reduction. As a reminder Islanders' Bank was initially only willing to provide a rate reduction of .4% from current rate of 4.35%. After continued negotiations, Islanders' is offering the District a rate of 3.25%

The reduced rate is compared to the term sheet from WAFed that has a rate of 2.64% for a 15-year life.

- b. **Quality Committee** – There was no report from the Quality Committee.
- c. **Communications Committee** – The majority of the report from the Communications Committee was covered during the UW update. In addition to the magnets, the Committee worked with UW to update the Seeking Care During COVID flyer in English and Spanish, and those will also be distributed at various locations and online.

VI. Old Business

- a. **San Juan County Community Based Long-Term Care (LTC) Network** – Superintendent Presson provided follow-up from the Board’s action at the end of last year to approve the request to become a member of the San Juan County Community Based Long-Term Care Network. This was part of a HRSA grant application with SJC PHD#1, PeaceHealth and the Interisland Health Care Foundation. HRSA stands for Health Resources and Services Administration, and is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable. In spite of the application scoring very high, HRSA ran short of funding and the grant was not awarded.

There is another funding opportunity and the Board is being asked to consider the possibility of serving as the Fiscal Agent to resubmit an LTC Planning Grant with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The idea would be to include the Orcas PHD as well as the Fire Districts on both Lopez and Orcas islands. This would create a new Network which could focus more specifically on the needs of Orcas and Lopez, and have those factored into the larger grant that is being overseen by SJC PHD#1, PeaceHealth/PIMC, Interisland Health Care Foundation and the Association of WA PHDs.

After continued discussion there was agreement to have Superintendent Presson schedule a call with the consultant for the purpose of discussing the grant opportunity in more detail. This will include thoughts around how they might foresee this work dovetailing with the recently awarded HRSA grant for Care Coordination. LIHD Commissioners Orcutt and Greenstein agreed to represent LIHD, and Commissioner Bordvick from LIFE was interested in attending.

- b. **Superintendent Performance Review** - Having discussed the performance of the Superintendent at an Executive Session last month, and results presented to the Superintendent by the Board President, the Commissioners were set to discuss the Superintendent's compensation for FY '21. Since the Chair of the Finance Committee was absent, the discussion was postponed until the October 8th Special Board Meeting. President Graville did want to state for the public record that there was complete unity in the feeling that Superintendent Presson is exceeding the functions and responsibilities of the position. When reviewing the rating, most categories were rated as Exceeds or Outstanding. The Commissioners proposed specific goals for 2021, which were summarized on the last page of the document. Superintendent Presson thanked the Board for their kind words and continued support. She expressed her commitment to the District and appreciated the suggestions for improvement and goals for 2021.

VII. Operations Report

The financial items will be reviewed in detail at the Special Board meeting on October 8, 2020. This includes finalization of the LIHD FY '21 Budget.

VIII. New Business

There was no New Business to report.

IX. Community Partner Updates

- a. **CWMA** –Lauren Stephens did not have any report from CWMA.

- b. **LIFE** – Commissioner Bordvick shared that the District’s number one priority is hiring of the new Fire Chief. They are approaching the close of the application period and have a number of candidates that are being reviewed by the Consultant hired to oversee the process. Being that there are many more candidates, he is optimistic they will find a good fit for the position.

Commissioner Bordvick also reported that the District is due to close on the purchase of a property near Lopez Village that includes a house and two acres. It will serve as temporary housing for the new Chief to live in on an interim basis and could eventually be the location for a new firehouse.

X. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment at this time.

XI. Commissioner Comments

There were no further Commissioner comments at this time.

XII. Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the LIHD is scheduled for October 28th. It’s assumed meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. A Special Meeting will be held on October 8th to address the FY ’21 Budget.

XIII. Adjourn

MOVED by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Greenstein to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:10 pm. VOTE: 4:0:0. Motion Carried.